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STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
FAP Route 315 & 310 (IL 336 & US 67)
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Allen Nemec
336 South Lafayette
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Nemec:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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My comments are:

Please see attached material

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THOMAS A. OAKLEY
President

December 22, 2003

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The Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a hearing on December 16th to provide the public with a final opportunity to comment on the proposed route for the bypass at Macomb. Information presented at the hearing demonstrated the importance of this project not only to West-Central Illinois but to the state as a whole.

The bypass in its entirety is the linchpin that completes a transportation grid whose value as an economic engine for all of Illinois cannot be overstated. The western segment connects Ill. 336 from Quincy to U.S. 67 north of Macomb and completes what might be considered the Illinois portion of the long-envisioned Chicago-Kansas City Expressway.

The eastern segment links U.S. 67 north and south of the city, a critical step in realizing the long-term goal of completing this highway as a four-lane route from the Quad-Cities to Alton and the interstate network at St. Louis. The eastern bypass also will open a gateway for continuing Ill. 336 east from Macomb to Canton and Peoria.

Additional funding is anticipated to be available from the new federal transportation bill, which will be passed next year. We believe the Macomb bypass should be accelerated with this funding so that the west portion which will connect Ill. 336 to U.S. 67 north can be completed in 2008 concurrent with the completion of Ill. 336 to Macomb. This would allow this major through road connector highway to be utilized as soon as it's finished.

Enclosed, you will find an editorial published December 21 in The Quincy Herald-Whig that explains the central role of the bypass in connecting these corridors and creating a foundation for dynamic economic growth throughout the state.

We believe this editorial will provide our readers and others with a fuller appreciation of the significant benefits that will result from completing this project, and are pleased to provide you with a copy.

Yours very truly,

Thomas A. Oakley
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Macomb bypass

This vital connector will anchor a transportation grid providing a strong foundation for economic growth

A HEARING last week on the proposed route of the Macomb bypass not only underscored the importance of this project to West-Central Illinois but also provided a glimpse of the economic growth the bypass will provide.

The Illinois Department of Transportation sponsored the hearing to give the public a final opportunity to comment on the department's proposed location for the bypass.

The western segment of the bypass will connect Ill. 336 from Quincy to U.S. 67 north of Macomb. The eastern segment will link U.S. 67 north and south of the city, a critical step in realizing the long-term goal of completing this highway as a four-lane route from the Quad-Cities to Alton and the interstate network at St. Louis.

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OPINION

Impartial in News,
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International Court should deal with Saddam

Walter Cronkite

SUNDAY MORNING'S editorial in the Herald-Whig called for the United Nations to deal with Saddam Hussein. It was a call for action that was long overdue.

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U.S. must find out everything Saddam knows

Bill O'Reilly

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In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. You also enclosed an article from the *Herald-Whig Newspaper* which stated the opinion that the bypass would provide highway linkage and resultant potential for economic growth in the area. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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My comments are:

Please, let's get the funding for this proposal ASAP and let STARTED! We really need these roads! Let's not delay for any reason. We are long overdue for roads to hook us up with larger cities. The plan looks like it is well thought out & ready to go! ...the sooner the better!



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ACCESS TO THE REGIONAL LANDFILL. PRESENTLY
THE LANDFILL SERVES HANCOCK, HENDERSON AND WARREN
COUNTIES. IN THE FUTURE THIS ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED
TO A 80000⁺ FACILITY INTERSTATE TO PROVIDE FOR THIS TRAFFIC
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THE PARTIAL INTERCHANGE THE LANDFILL TRAFFIC WOULD
HAVE TO PASS THROUGH MACOMB. DEPENDING ON
THE ACCESS OF FUTURE 336 TO PEORIA THE INTERCHANGE
COULD BE LOCATED AT IACON IN LINE OF BOWLER RD AND/
OR POSSIBLY AT UNIVERSITY DR. ALTHOUGH THESE LOCATIONS
(ESP UNIVERSITY) WILL DEVELOP SOONER CAUSING TRAVEL THROUGH
UNDERDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF MACOMB.
I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BYPASS ALTHOUGH I FEEL THE
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DUE TO THIS TIMING, TRUCKING WILL INCREASE FROM/TO
QUINCY AND I72/US36 ROAD NETWORK. THIS TRAFFIC WILL
INCREASE THE ALREADY CONGESTED TRAFFIC IN MACOMB. THE
COUNTY HAS MADE PLANS TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN
ALTERNATIVE USING THE TENNESSEE BUCKTOW AND HWY 9. THIS
ALTERNATIVE WILL COST THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A
SAFE TRUCK ROUTE ON THE TENNESSEE BUCKTOW.

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Mr. Josh Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

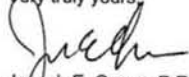
Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you inquired if the Department had considered an interchange at Bower Road. Based on current traffic volumes, an interchange at Bower Road is currently not proposed as part of the Macomb Bypass Study. A separate four-lane study of Macomb to Peoria is currently in the preliminary stage of a corridor selection. How the Macomb to Peoria Study will connect to the Macomb Bypass will be evaluated after the corridor has been selected.

In your comments, you also expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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December 15, 2003

Illinois Department of Transportation
Springfield, IL

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a Professor of Agronomy here at Western Illinois University, responsible for crops grown on the University Farms. Four years ago, the University decided to build a second nine-hole golf course, and the only logical place was on the University Farm. At the same time, we received a 210 acre farm from the Kerr family located just over one mile from our current main facility. We are concerned about the proposed Northern By-Pass since two of the three proposed routes cut across our 60-acre row-crop field.

Since acquiring this tract in 1999, we have recorded much precision farming data. First, we grid sampled the row-crop land on a 1-acre grid. These soil samples were analyzed for pH, organic matter, phosphorus (P-I), potassium, and cation exchange capacity. There was significant variation across the 60-acre row-crop field, which made it perfect to illustrate precision farming principles. Fertilizers (P₂O₅ and K₂O) and limestone were differentially applied using satellite technology each year for four years. All planting, spraying, anhydrous ammonia application, and harvest was recorded "by the foot" with current satellite technology. This past fall, auto-steer was utilized to apply anhydrous ammonia, and strip-till planting will be done on these knife tracks in the spring. This fall, we again analyzed the soil after four years to determine the progress that we have made in equalizing the nutrient levels.

Other data that have been recorded with satellite technology include soil penetrometer readings, soil type mapping, SPAD chlorophyll measurements, corn populations, and Veris conductivity readings at two depths. In addition, we have georeferenced aerial photos and one satellite photo of the field. Elevation has been measured utilizing laser technology and RTK (real-time kinematics) satellite technology. Students have visited this field, and these data have been presented in several Ag. classes. In addition, John Deere has supplied both software and hardware to Western for recording and processing data as well as the satellite-corrected auto-steer subscription and key card. Future plans include a field-test of their RTK equipment. Various agronomic research projects are planned utilizing John Deere's gift by both Western and Purdue University in a cooperative project.

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We have just begun to utilize this unique site. This field is being managed with current farm-size equipment (16-row planter, 8-row cornhead) instead of plot-size. Further, other researchers in the state and region are watching this unique dataset. Some of this information was presented at the 6th International Conference on Precision Agriculture. We request that, if at all possible, this field be left undisturbed. We welcome a highway near the farm, and feel that it will aid in our mission of teaching, research, and service. However, we request that it be built around this new yet historic tract of land.

Sincerely,



Gordon Roskamp
Professor of Agronomy



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Professor Gordon Roskamp
Department of Agriculture
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Professor Roskamp:

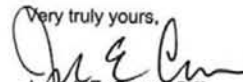
Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you mentioned the plot of farmland consisting of 210 acres that Western Illinois University has obtained and is using to record farming data. It is the Department's understanding that the 210-acre plot is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Tower Road (1400N) and Road 950E.

The proposed bypass alignment crosses Road 950E near the existing Tower Road intersection. This alignment location minimizes overall impacts and costs. A bridge is being proposed on Road 950E to go over the bypass alignment. In order to provide proper sight distance for Tower Road traffic onto Road 950E, Tower Road is proposed to be re-located approximately 700 feet south of the current intersection location. The Department has designed the Tower Road relocation in order to minimize agricultural impacts on the University's farmland and still be able to conform to design standards.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record. Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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Preparing Students for Success

Sally Sallee
Principal

MacArthur Early Childhood Center

MACOMB COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #185

235 W. GRANT • MACOMB, ILLINOIS 61455

PHONE: 309/833-4273 • FAX: 309/833-5651

December 16, 2003

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my concerns about the recent interest expressed by one citizen who is proposing a southern bypass around Macomb. Five years ago I wrote letters to then Macomb mayor, Tom Carper; D. E. Risinger, District Engineer; and Annette Mills, Program Development Engineer.

In my letters I stated that the southern bypass would affect three of the four Macomb School District school buildings as well as long established residential areas. An interchange at Johnson Street would affect the Macomb Junior Senior High School and the MacArthur Early Childhood Center located next to each other on Johnson Street. Every day there are buses, cars, bike riders, and walkers coming to these two school buildings. A southern bypass with an interchange on Johnson Street would bring many more cars as well as numerous semi-trailer trucks past these two school buildings day and night. We use our buildings more than just during scheduled classroom hours. There are many after class activities as well as evening activities.

Edison Elementary is the third school that would be adversely affected by a southern bypass using Candy Lane as an interchange. The playground for this school is on Candy Lane. All of the children in grades four, five, and six who attend Macomb Public Schools are in the Edison Elementary School. Edison also has after class and evening activities.

Building a southern bypass with one or more interchanges next to our schools will have a significant impact on the safety of students, parents, faculty, and others who visit our schools. These public schools are funded through local tax dollars and state taxes. Relocation is not financially feasible.

Please, put the safety of our children first and continue with IDOT's plan of five years ago. **Build the northern bypass now.**

Sincerely yours,

Sally Sallee
Sally Sallee, principal



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Ms. Sally Sallee
Principal
MacArthur Early Childhood Center
235 West Grant
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Sallee:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to remain with the decision made in 1999 in which a northwest bypass location was recommended and the south bypass alignment was eliminated from further consideration. The Department's recommendation to select the northwest bypass over the south bypass was presented at a Public Informational Meeting held in Macomb on April 28, 1999. The decision was based on a comparison of overall impacts, as well as public input. The Department stands by its decision for a bypass located north of Macomb, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,
Joseph E. Crowe
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Macomb Schools



Preparing Students for Success

Michael L. Sartore
Principal

December 16, 2003

To the Illinois Department of Transportation:

In 1998 I expressed my strong opposition to a proposed southern by-pass to the City of Macomb. There were many reasons for being against this proposal, but primarily it was due to the exiting of traffic from the southern by-pass onto Johnson Street where Macomb Jr/Sr High School and MacArthur Early Childhood Center are both located. At that time I was one of the individuals who drove to Peoria and met with IDOT representatives to express concerns about this project. I was told at that time that the southern by-pass issue was dead. Apparently that is not the case.

Today I remain firmly opposed to a southern by-pass to Macomb. My safety and security concerns remain. In reviewing material and a map that has been distributed by a local individual who is opposed to a northwest by-pass, I have found that he has arbitrarily removed the Johnson Street exit from the southern by-pass on the map that he is circulating. I have 2 thoughts about that. First, it makes no sense to have the only exit from the southern by-pass exit onto Candy Lane. That road is on the far east edge of Macomb. How could that possibly be beneficial to Macomb, to have a by-pass start on the far west side of Macomb and have the main or only exit into the city on the far east side of the city? This makes no sense whatsoever.

Secondly, I believe that the Johnson Street exit is still the only viable entrance from a southern by-pass around Macomb, and that if it is built, even though it is not identified as an entrance at this time, someone will make an after the fact judgment to add it back as it was in the original proposal in 1998. It is easy to say that it is not needed now but since the other proposed exit is so peculiar, I think we need to accept the fact that this is merely a ploy to get the southern by-pass started. Please consider this as a real possibility.

A decision was made in 1998 and I believe you should stand by it. Please do not fall for the misrepresentation and half-truths that are now being circulated. As a 25-year resident of Macomb, it is my firm belief that it is not in the best interest of Macomb Jr/Sr High School or the City of Macomb to have a southern by-pass built.

Michael L. Sartore
Michael L. Sartore
Principal
Macomb Senior High School

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Mr. Michael L. Sartore
Principal
Macomb Senior High School
1525 South Johnson
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Sartore:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to remain with the decision made in 1999 in which a northwest bypass location was recommended and the south bypass alignment was eliminated from further consideration. The Department's recommendation to select the northwest bypass over the south bypass was presented at a Public Informational Meeting held in Macomb on April 28, 1999. The decision was based on a comparison of overall impacts, as well as public input. The Department stands by its decision for a bypass located north of Macomb, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe
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We encourage you to make your views a part of the official record. Written comments received within 10 days of this meeting will be included in the official record and will receive equal consideration along with the statements received at this meeting.

My comments are:

I hope the Smith airport located at Junction 136 East + 67 South will not be affected by the proposed Bypass.

The airport has been owned by my husband, Fats, Henry since 1954. We are a flying family and want to keep it that way.

This 67 interstates from Alton to Macomb will go near the airport, so I wanted to voice my opinion. Please save the airport + linking field.

Best regards
John Smith
524 W. Carroll
Macomb, IL
61455



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Ms. Judy Smith
524 West Carroll
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your comments, you mention your concern that the Smith Airport remain open in conjunction with the proposed interchange at US 67 and US 136 at the east edge of Macomb. In designing the four-lane roadway alignment, the Department has coordinated with the Division of Aeronautics to ensure that the roadway design complies with required runway length and clear approach zone. The design for the Macomb Bypass, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003, provides for the runway to be operational.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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Very truly yours,

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My comments are:

I support the northern bypass, as proposed. It appears to be the most economically feasible + the most advantageous for traffic flow.

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Please print:

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City/State/Zip Macomb, IL 61455
Phone No. (309) 333-1633

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Ms. Donna Thompson
11068 North 950th Road
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed your support for the Macomb Bypass. Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
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My comments are:

My interest in the proposed Northwest Corridor planning is based on the businesses in Bushnell benefiting more than any other proposed route. I believe this route will better benefit Macomb businesses. Since I am not a landowner in any of the affected areas of land acquisition, I cannot address any issues in that area.

Please print:

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone No.

Roberta Tyson
185 Jamestown Rd
Macomb IL
(309) 833-3906

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Ms. Roberta Tyson
185 Jamestown Road
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Tyson:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your interest in the possible benefit the Macomb Bypass might have on local business. The construction of the Macomb Bypass, while greatly improving travel efficiencies, also has the potential to have a positive impact on business in Macomb and surrounding areas.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

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My comments are:

Dan Voorhis owner

Previously own by Lawrence Westmelt.

All 336 please look at accounts wildlife,
and large animal crossing through large
ditch at about power line. We have cattle
on both sides all the time
Please consider access on west side
of 336.

timber is full of deer that will follow
your highway. They also cross south to west.
I am talking large number.

Cattle are there all year.
We need cattle crossing.

Dan Voorhis

Please print:

Name Daniel D Voorhis
 Address 136 Harmony Lane
 City/State/Zip Macomb, IL 61455
 Phone No. (309) 833-5363

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Mr. Daniel D. Voorhis
136 Harmony Lane
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Voorhis:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned property you own located south of the proposed Macomb Bypass alignment, which is impacted by a separate completed study of Illinois Route 336 from Carthage to Macomb. Your property, which is adjacent to proposed Illinois Route 336, is shown on the enclosed aerial plan sheet.

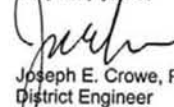
The proposed Illinois Route 336 alignment bisects your property, which according to you is currently being used for cattle. You also stated that the existing drainage channel on your property, located near the power lines, is a frequent location for wildlife. Upon review of the potential patterns for wildlife migration and a desire to minimize animal and vehicle accidents, the Department has determined that a bridge structure affording safe animal passage under Illinois Route 336 should be added to the scope of work. The proposed structure is currently proposed at the approximate location you mentioned in your comments, and is shown on the enclosed aerial plan sheet. This bridge structure will have an added benefit to provide access for your cattle east and west of Illinois Route 336. In conjunction with the bridge, which will provide an animal underpass of Illinois Route 336, the Department will install wildlife fencing to direct the animals to the designed crossing locations.

Mr. Daniel D. Voorhis
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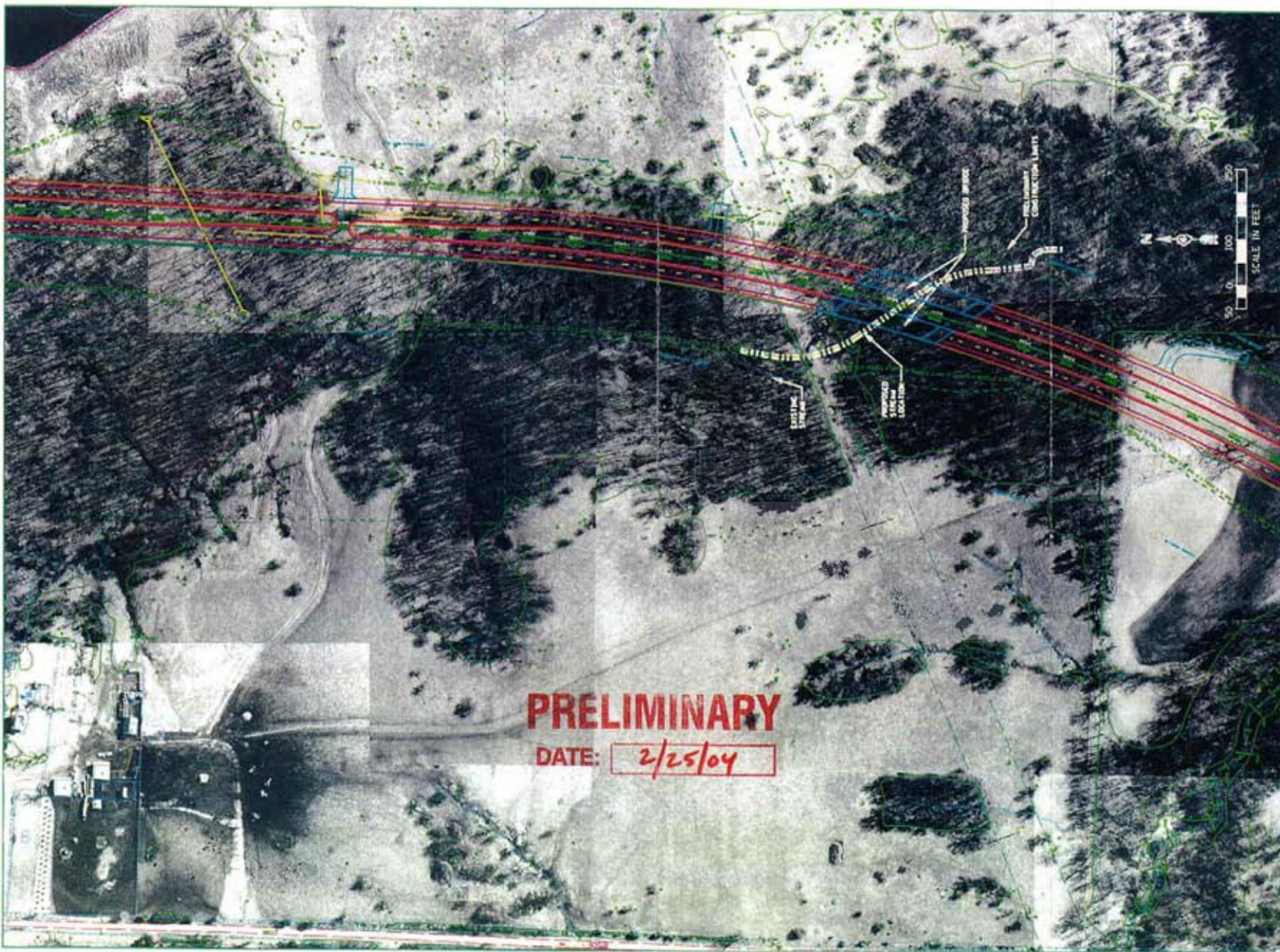
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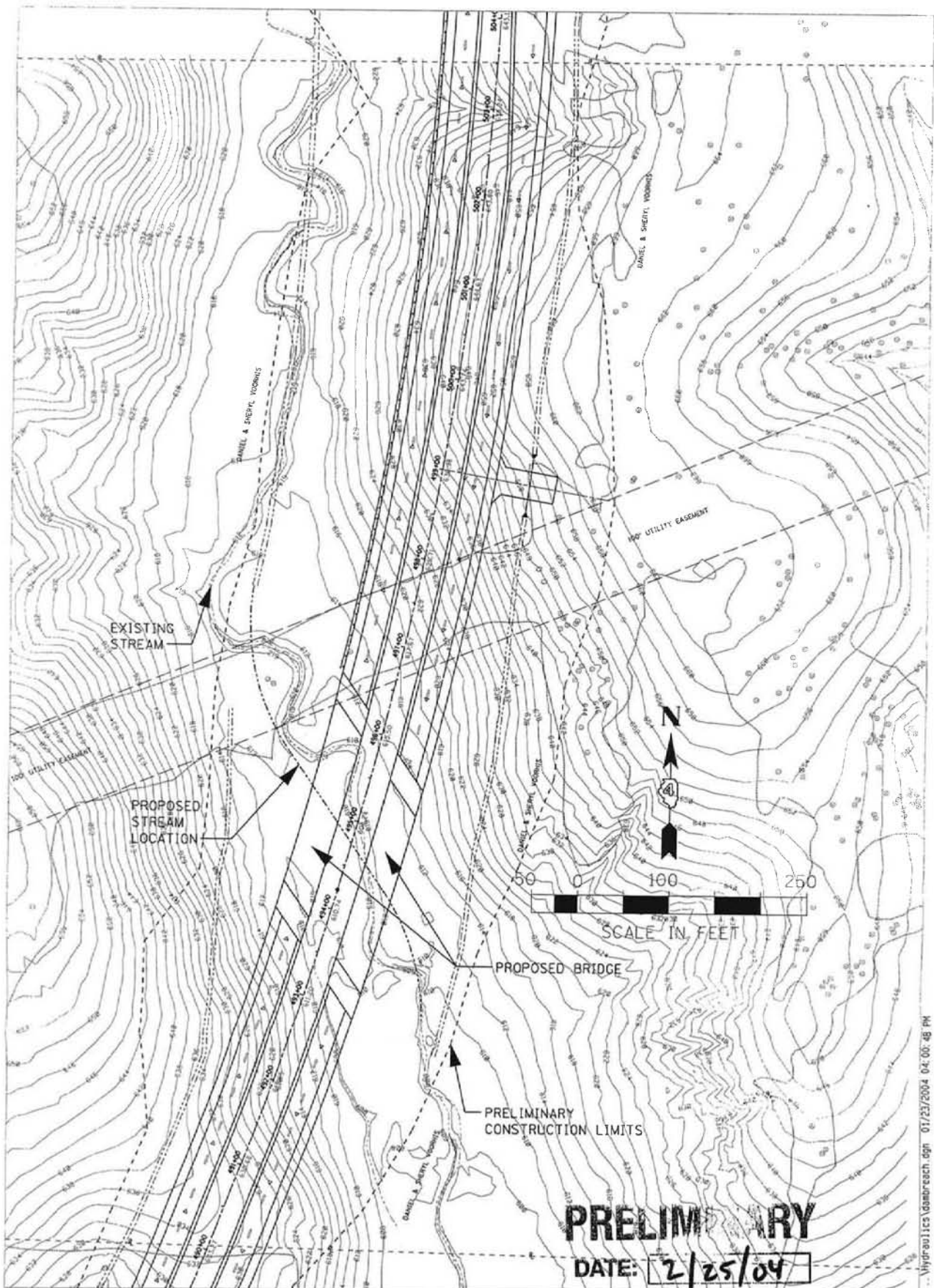

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